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SUBJ: YU CHIN-SAN PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: SEOUL 8268

SUMMARY: NDP PRESIDENTM U CHIN-SAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 12 AT WHICH HE TOOK CRITICAL POSITION AGAINST GOVERNMENT. YU CALLED FOR GOVERNMENT REFORM BUT REFRAINED FROM SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT OR GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE. END SUMMARY

1. YU CRITICIZED RECENT CABINET RESHUFFLE AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE WITH NO NEW FACES. HE CALLED FOR RESTORATION DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TO INCLUDE FREE PRESS, FREE CAMPUS, AND END OF CORRUPTION. HE ADVOCATED CORRECTION OF AN ECONOMIC POLICY DIRECTED ONLY TOWARD GROWTH AND SAID ROK-JAPANESE ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON BASIS OF EQUALITY. YU ALSO SAID NDP DEPLORED SITUATION WHICH HAD FORCED STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE.

2. WHEN ASKED BY REPORTERS IF HE ADVOCATED A BIPARTISAN CABINET, INCLUDING NDP REPRESENTATION, YU SAID HE HAD NEVER CONSIDERED SUCH AN ACTION. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT A DEADLINE BY WHICH GOVERNMENT MUST RESTORE DEMOCRACY, YU SAID THAT WHEN TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMES THE NDP SHOULD LEAD RATHER THAN THE STUDENTS, AND IF NDP
EFFORTS FAIL PARTY MAY BE FORCED TO "COME OUT IN THE STREETS."

3. COMMENT: YU HAS RECENTLY COME UNDER ATTACKS FROM WITHIN PARTY
FOR POLICY OF TOO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. YU'S
CRITICAL REMARKS AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND VISIT WITH KIM TAE-CHUNG
PRECEDING DAY (SEPTEL) ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO REFURBISH HIS
IMAGE, SUCH AS IT IS, AS TRUE OPPOSITION LEADER.
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